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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants in the aforementioned matter petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003, Paper Number 10, for two months from June 25, 2003 to August 25, 2003.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

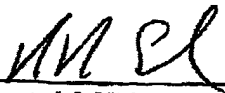
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